

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

Do you own an old dog?

As your dog becomes established as part of the family, you will undoubtedly note his birthday anniversaries. Remember, that a year as we know it is equal to about seven years for a dog. So, of course, a dog eight or nine years of age will be entering old age.

Because more is now known about the needs of dogs, resulting in better care, it is not uncommon for dogs to live for from 12 to 18 years or even longer. However, an older dog needs special attention, much as he did as a puppy. He will probably not eat as much as he did when he was younger and more active.

THE OLD dog will desire longer resting periods and he will need a diet especially suited to his needs. An older dog may have dental problems, too, and may not be able to chew some of the tough meat he was able to eat as a youngster.

You might bear this in mind, too, in regards to older dogs who are much like elderly people. They are subject to chronic illnesses. So that your pet may live out his last years in comfort, it is most advisable that you be alert for any signs of illnesses or discomfort and above all see to it that he has the regular care of a veterinarian.

Never forget the fact that your precious dog has given you many years of unquestioned love and affection. Your dog has served you faithfully. The least you can do is to give him some extra comforts in his old age.

BOWSER BROWNSINGS — Painted toys aren't desirable as playthings for puppies — the paint flakes they chew off can cause lead-paint-poisoning. This can be fatal . . . If it's necessary to give your dog a pill or capsule, and the dog is eating even small amounts of food, probably the easiest way to administer the pill or capsule is to conceal it in a piece of his favorite food.

Bob Hope is an avid Basset Hound fancier; he owns a beautiful "Recession."

Effective at once, Ab Side-water, for more than 20 years associated with Popular Dogs Magazine, joins Howell Book House of New York City as the firm's editor. Congrats!!

RECOMMENDED for your doggie library: Kurt Unkelbach's "The Dog Who Never Knew," published by Four Winds Press and available at most bookstalls. Story evolves around a partially blind dog whose protective capers would melt the heart of a tyrant. My readers will find "The Dog Who Never Knew" difficult to put down until the last page has been eye-gested.

An East German police dog recently crawled through barbed wire to the British sector of Berlin. The German Shepherd, trained to catch refugees fleeing communism, himself defected to West Berlin. The dog was taken to the pound awaiting adoption by a British army officer.

From Cologne, Germany comes this note worthy item that a German Shepherd is nursing three tiger cubs, substituting for a mother who rejected three of her five offspring. The owner of the Shepherd responded to a radio broadcast . . . Society columnist Lucious Beebe rated as canine status symbols the Boston Terrier in 1900 and the Poodle in 1965. Times and trends change even in dogs.

BREED OF THE WEEK — German Shorthair Pointer . . . It is a tribute to the skill of German breeders that out of the top 10 breeds in America, three of them, the Boxer, Dachshund and German Shepherd are German developments.

The German Shorthair Pointer comes closer to being a true all-purpose sporting dog than almost any other breed. He is the result of judicious blending of Pointer, Bloodhound and Fox Hound bloodlines, a process started a little over 100 years ago.

The German Shorthair is a good looking dog, of sensible disposition, highly trainable and companionable by nature. He sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't he? anyone who has ever owned, or known one will unhesitatingly agree.

IN THE relatively short time that the Shorthair has been known in the United States and Canada, he has come rapidly to the front. More than 3000 GSPs annually are registered in the stud books of the American Kennel Club.

The German Shorthair Pointer is a loveable, affectionate and a staunch companion and protector to the entire family. A great dog, indeed!

The German Shorthair Pointer tips the scales at about 65 pounds and in height 23 inches.

Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner, Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. over station KTYM 1460 KCS.

Assessor Asks Questions About Proposition 1-A

By PHILIP E. WATSON
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Many who voted for Proposition 1-A in the November election in the belief they were voting for property tax relief are now shocked at learning what this amendment to the California Constitution actually provides.

Henry C. MacArthur, the well-known Sacramento newsman whose syndicated column appears in the Press-Herald, recently called Proposition 1-A "one of the most stupendous hoaxes ever dished out by that body (the legislature) to its constituents, who are the taxpayers of the state of California."

MacArthur is undoubtedly ex-

pressing the disillusion of a great many who now realize that Proposition 1-A is a detour leading to a dead end, rather than the highway to real property tax relief. But since that's the road we're on, we may as well understand the rules of the road.

PROPOSITION 1-A authorized a \$750 exemption from the total assessed value of owner-occupied single family homes, duplexes or condominiums, beginning with the 1969 assessment (to be reflected on the property tax bill you'll receive next November), and a one-year \$70 refund for property taxes paid for 1968-69 (the bill you received last November).

However, the homeowners' exemption or refund does not

apply to any dwelling which on March 1, 1969, or in the future, is rented or vacant. It applies only if the owner occupies the dwelling as his principal place of residence.

If an owner files for and receives a veteran exemption, he cannot also receive the homeowner exemption on that property.

If an owner receives an allowance for taxes, in whole or in part, from the state or county, he cannot receive the homeowner exemption. This provision, however, does not apply to homeowners who receive a tax rebate under the Senior Citizens' Property Tax assistance Law.

are available, our department will mail them to known owners of single family homes, duplexes, and condominiums. Any homeowner who does not receive his application by March 15 should go to the nearest regional assessor's office or the main office in the Hall of Administration. Applications for both the 1968 refund and the 1969 exemption can only be taken between March 1 and April 15; and, like the veteran exemption, filings must be made every year.)

Taxpayers who file the short form and take the standard deduction on their state income tax may double that deduction. However, those who itemize

their deductions get no benefit from this provision of 1-A.

THOUGH not part of the Constitutional provisions of 1-A, household furnishings and personal effects are also exempt from property taxation, beginning this year.

And businesses with taxable inventories will receive a 15 percent exemption on their inventory assessments.

Already, assessors throughout the state are getting questions about apparent inequities in the law. For example, if a duplex qualifies, why not a triplex? If a condominium, why not a co-op or own-your-own? Why discriminate against renters who may have sufficient medical ex-

penses to make it worth itemizing deductions on their state income tax? Is it fair to deny a homeowner the \$750 exemption if he and his family have to be out of their home on March 1? How can you call it "property tax relief" if taxes continue to increase as much as or more than the value of the exemption?

These are questions that cannot be answered by any assessor. They are questions that should be directed to the legislators who created Proposition 1-A and to the State Board of Equalization which has established the forms and procedures to implement it.

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